**"Making Your Life Count"**
Various Scriptures

Five ways to make your life count:

1. Take time for compassion (Matthew 20:29-34)

   Principle: A person with compassion sees the hurt in this world

2. Take time for celebration (Luke 19:28-40)

   Principle: We are to be filled with God's Spirit and joy!

3. Take time for evaluation (Mark 14:1-11)

   Principle: Some things we think are important to God are worthless – some things we think are worthless are important

4. Take time for spiritual connection (Luke 22:39-46)

   Principle: Healthy people know how to slow down and pray

5. Take time for reconciliation (Luke 22:47-53)

   Principle: You can't make your life count if you've got all this un-reconciled turmoil in your life.

   "God give me the strength to love the unlovely."

Make a commitment to take the following action steps:

Monday: Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for 10 things in your life worthy of celebration.

Tuesday: Choose two people you can serve. Pray for the Father's eyes in seeking them out.

Wednesday: Take time for Evaluation. What is it that you value? List five things that you really value that are important in life.

Thursday: Spiritual connection day. Spend time with God.

Friday: Pray for reconciliation. Call or write someone – the person you need to forgive or get forgiveness from.

Life group questions:

What limitations (if any) should there be in reaching out to those in need? Share the names of those whom you have come into contact with who in need. How can you reach out to them as an individual or as a life group?

Discuss how a follower of Christ can "practice joy." Can we have joy in the midst of every difficult situation in life?

Evaluation is a key. Ask each member of the group, "does your life count in God's kingdom"? Are you making a difference? What priorities do you have? Are they in alignment with God's?

Whom do you need to forgive? How can you go about extending forgiveness? And then reconciling?